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1. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL B EMBASSY ABU DHABI HAS REPORTED
SITUATION THERE IN REF C.

2. WE HAVE QUERIED DOHA AND MUSCAT THROUGH BRITISH CHANNELS AND
HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. FROM DOHA, MARCH 8: " HAVE JUST DISCUSSED SECURITY PROTECTION
MEASURES FOR SELF AND RESIDENCE - OFFICE WITH APPROPRAITE SECURITY
OFFICIALS GOVERNMENT OF QATAR. EMIR AND GOVERNMENT FULLY ALERT TO
AND CONCERNED ABOUT SECURITY OF DIPLOMATS. THEY INITIATING
SENSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE MEASURES INCLUDING ASSIGNMENT
PLAINCLOTHES
OFFICER TO RECEPTION AND RESIDENCE. WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH
LOCAL SECURITY OFFICIALS.

B. FROM MUSCAT, MARCH 10: " POLICE COMMISSIONER TELLS ME HE
REGRETS HE CANNOT PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION FOR ALL DIPLOMATIC
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STAFF RESIDENCES AT THIS TIME ALTHOUGH HE IS ORGANIZING SPECIAL UNIT FOR PROTECTION OF ALL EMBASSIES IN THE FUTURE. HE HAS ASSIGNED POLICE GUARDS TO BRITISH, IRANIAN, U. S., JORDAINA AND (TEMPORARILY) PAKISTANI CHANCERIES ON GROUNDS THESE ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE ATTACKED BUT HAS BEEN FORCED TO REFUSE REQUESTS FROM INDIAN, KUWAITI, EGYPTIAN AND QATARI EMBASSIES. IN ADDITION TO THREE- MAN, 24- HOUR POLICE UNIT WHICH NOW GUARDS IRANIAN, BRITISH AND U. S. CHANCERIES, WE HAVE HIRED TWO GUAVE SHOULD NOT USURP THE FUNCTIONS OF THE JUCICIARY.. EXCEPT LHEN THERE IS A STATE OF WAR." PROFESSOR VAN DER VYVER SAID FACT THAT GOVERNMENT FELT

EXECUTIVE ACTITN JUSTIFIED SHOWED " THERE IS SOMETHING VERY SERIOUSLY WRONG" IN SOUTH AFRICA.

3. CAPE EDITORIA COMMENT CONTINUES TO FOLLOW PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED PATTERN (REF A). MARCH 11 SUNDAY TIMES CARRIES EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF HISTORY OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY AND CONTRASTS UNITED PARTY (UP) CRITICISM EARLY LAST YEAR OF PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION WITH CURRENT UP DEFENSE OF PARTICIPATION IN AND FINDINGS OF COMMISSION. ARTICLE CLAIMS SIR DE VILLIERS GRAAFF, LEADER OF OPPOSITION, WAS AWARE OF DANGERS IN FEBRUARY 1972 WHEN HE SAID IN PARLIAMENT THAT JUDGMENT OF POLITICIANS " AS TO WHAT IS SUBVERSIVE OF RACE RELATIONS... TENDS TO BE VERY SUBJECTIVE INDEED." SUNDAY TIMES IMPLIES VORSTER HAS NOW DELIVERED ON PROMISE MADE AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE. IN 1963 HE SAID: " IF THERE IS A CANCER IN THE COUNTRY THAT MUST BE ROOTED OUT, IT IS NUSAS.... I SHALL SETTLE WITH THEM IN MY OWN TIME." HURD

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